

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A golf club shaft, comprising:
a plurality of fiber reinforced resin layers defining a tip, a tip section, a main body section, a grip section, and a butt;
a plurality of first metal fibers, defining a first length and longitudinal ends, located between two of the fiber reinforced resin layers such that one of the longitudinal ends of each of the first metal fibers is substantially aligned with the tip;
a plurality of second metal fibers, defining a second length and longitudinal ends, located between two of the fiber reinforced resin layers such that one of the longitudinal ends of each of the second metal fibers is substantially aligned with the tip, the second length being greater than the first length;
an inner scrim cloth; and
an outer-most scrim cloth;
wherein one of the plurality of first metal fibers and the plurality of second metal fibers is located between the inner and out-most scrim cloths.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plurality of fiber reinforced resin layers includes a group of layers with fibers angled with respect to the longitudinal axis of the shaft and a group of layers with fibers substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first metal fibers comprise relatively heavy metal fibers.

6. (Original) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first metal fibers comprise tungsten fibers.

7. (Original) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first metal fibers are about 5 inches to about 8 inches in length.

8. (Original) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second metal fibers comprise relatively stiff metal fibers.

ET 9. (Original) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 8, wherein the second metal fibers comprise boron fibers.

10. (Original) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 8, wherein the second metal fibers are about 10 inches to about 16 inches in length.

11. (Previously Presented) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

a plurality of third metal fibers defining a third length located between two of the fiber reinforced resin layers, the third length being greater than the second length.

12. (Original) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 11, wherein the third metal fibers comprise relatively resilient metal fibers.

13. (Original) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 12, wherein the third metal fibers comprise titanium fibers.

14. (Original) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 12, wherein the third metal fibers are at least about 20 inches in length.

15. (Original) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first and second metal fibers are substantially linear.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Original) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first and second metal fibers are located between the same two resin layers.

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18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) A golf club shaft, comprising:
a plurality of resin layers defining a tip, a tip section, a main body section, a grip section, and a butt, at least one of the resin layers being a fiber reinforced resin layer;

an inner scrim cloth over the plurality of resin layers;

an outer-most scrim cloth;

a plurality of first metal fibers located between two of the resin layers and defining a first length; and

a plurality of second metal fibers located between the inner scrim cloth and the outer-most scrim cloth, the second metal fibers being formed from a different metal than the first metal fibers and defining a second length that is greater than the first length.

20. (Previously Presented) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 19, wherein a plurality of the resin layers are fiber reinforced resin layers.

21. (Original) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 20, wherein the plurality of fiber reinforced resin layers includes a group of layers with fibers angled with respect to the longitudinal axis of the shaft and a group of layers with fibers substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis.

22. (Original) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 19, wherein the first metal fibers comprise relatively heavy metal fibers.

23. (Original) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 22, wherein the first metal fibers comprise tungsten fibers.

E1 24. (Original) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 19, wherein the second metal fibers comprise relatively stiff metal fibers.

25. (Original) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 24, wherein the second metal fibers comprise boron fibers.

26. (Original) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 19, further comprising:
a plurality of third metal fibers located between two of the resin layers, the third metal fibers being formed from a different metal than the first and second metal fibers.

27. (Original) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 26, wherein the third metal fibers comprise relatively resilient metal fibers.

28. (Original) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 27, wherein the third metal fibers comprise titanium fibers.

29. (Original) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 26, wherein the first metal fibers comprise relatively heavy metal fibers, the second metal fibers comprise relatively stiff metal fibers, and the third metal fibers comprise relatively resilient metal fibers.

30. (Previously Presented) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 29, wherein the third metal fibers define a third length and the third length is greater than the second length.

31. (Original) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 19, wherein the first and second metal fibers are substantially linear.

21 32. (Original) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 19, wherein the first and second metal fibers are located between the same two resin layers.

33. (Canceled)

34. (Canceled)

35. (Previously Presented) A golf club shaft, comprising:
a plurality of fiber reinforced resin layers defining a tip, a tip section, a main body section, a grip section, and a butt; and

a plurality of relatively heavy metal fibers extending from the tip towards the butt, defining a first length and located between two of the fiber reinforced resin layers;

a plurality of relatively stiff metal fibers extending from the tip towards the butt, defining a second length and located between two of the fiber reinforced resin layers, the second length being greater than the first length; and

a plurality of relatively resilient metal fibers extending from the tip towards the butt, defining a third length and located between two of the fiber reinforced resin layers, the third length being greater than the second length;

wherein at least one of the plurality of relatively heavy metal fibers, the plurality of relatively stiff metal fibers, and the plurality of relatively resilient metal fibers is located between a different two of the fiber reinforced resin layers than the other of the plurality of relatively heavy metal fibers, the plurality of relatively stiff metal fibers, and the plurality of relatively resilient metal fibers.

36. (Previously Presented) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 1, wherein metal fibers are visible through the outer-most scrim cloth.

37. (Previously Presented) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 19, wherein metal fibers are visible through the outer-most scrim cloth.

38. (Previously Presented) A golf club shaft, comprising:
a plurality of fiber reinforced resin layers defining a tip, a tip section, a main body section, a grip section, a butt and a longitudinal axis;
an inner scrim cloth over the fiber reinforced resin layers;
an outer scrim cloth; and
a plurality of longitudinally extending metal fibers located between the inner and outer scrim cloths.

39. (Previously Presented) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 38, wherein the metal fiber layers are visible through the outer scrim cloth.

40. (Previously Presented) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 38, wherein the metal fibers are substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis.

41. (Previously Presented) A golf club shaft as claimed in claim 38, wherein the metal fibers are the only structures between the inner and outer scrim cloths.

42-47. (Canceled)